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SUBJECT: ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE ANNOUNCES INTENTION TO
RELEASE MORE JANUARY 15 DETAINEES, EXPLAINS GROUNDS OF
RELEASE OF YAP THIAM HIEN

REF: JAKARTA 15384

1. GOI ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR INTELLIGENCE
SUBARI TOLD PRESS DECEMBER 26 THAT FOLLOWING RELEASE
CHRISTMAS EVE OF DETAINED LAWYER YAP THIAM HIEN (REFTTEL),
FURTHER RELEASES OF JANUARY 15 DETAINEES WOULD TAKE
PLACE IN STAGES DURING PERIOD FOLLOWING CHRISTMAS AND
INTO EARLY JANUARY. SABARI DECLINED TO MENTION ANY
NAMES, CITING "SECURITY" CONSIDERATIONS.

2. SUBARI EXPLAINED THAT YAP RELEASED BECAUSE NO
EVIDENCE HAD BEEN DISCOVERED THAT HE INVOLVED IN
SUBVERSION OR OTHER CRIMES, AND THAT RELEASE ACCORDED
WITH STATEMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL ALI SAID TO VISITING
DUTCH PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION IN SEPTEMBER THAT YAP WOULD
BE FREED "PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS." SUBARI CONFIRMED REQUIRE-
MENT OF INDONESIAN LAW THAT SUBERSION SUSPECTS MAY ONLY
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BE DETAINED FOR MAXIMUM OF ONE YEAR IN ABSENCE OF EVIDENCE

OF GUILT.

3. SUBARI STATED THAT YAP RELEASE WAS UNCONDITIONAL, BUT ADDED THAT IF YAP SUBSEQUENTLY CONDUCTED ACTIVITIES WHICH DISTURBED SECURITY HE WOULD BE DETAINED AGAIN. IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES FROM PRESS REPORTERS WHO VISITED HIM AT HOME, YAP CONFIRMED THAT HIS RELEASE INVOLVED NO CONDITIONS AND THAT HE INTENDED TO TAKE UP HIS LAW PRACTICE AGAIN, BUT OTHERWISE DECLINED COMMENT ON GROUNDS OF FATIGUE.
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